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Regional Australia revealed

The North Eastern wheat belt council of Mukinbudin (WA) leads the country with a fertility rate of 7.7 in 2013, compared to the national rate of 1.9, according to data released today by the Australian Bureau Statistics.

Sourced from the National Regional Profile dataset, this is just some of the regional data that can be found in the ABS' *Data by Region*, which draws on over 400 data items to provide in-depth information for over 2,700 regions across Australia.

“Data are available for hundreds of indicators including estimated resident population, births, the number of aged pensioners, pre-school enrolments, business counts, bankruptcies, protected land areas and much more,” said Lisa Conolly from the ABS.

“Best of all, the ABS’ Data by Region navigator provides a simple, efficient and interactive way of accessing data.

"Users can simply click on a map, type in a region name, or select from a pick list, to discover an array of socio-economic and environmental data of interest, all in one place."

Data also showed that Prospect has the highest population density in South Australia with 2,712.2 persons per square kilometre, while Kambah (ACT) has the highest number of campervans per thousand population (31) in the nation’s capital.

Regional data are presented for five years (2009-2013) to help local communities track changes and progress over time.

Data by region can be accessed by going to https://www.abs.gov.au/databyregion

Further state/territory based data are provided below.

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Victoria

- Port Phillip had the highest population density at 4,950.6 people per square km, while Yarra was next on the list with 4,277.7 people per square km.
- Whittlesea had the highest number of building approvals for new private sector houses at 2,371. Casey and Wyndham followed with 2,170 and 2,019 respectively in 2012-13.
- Queenscliffe had the highest median age of usual residents at 54.6 years, followed by Loddon with 50.8 years.

New South Wales

- The highest proportion of people in the 0 to 14 years range was in Brewarrina with 26.9 per cent, followed by Bourke (24.6 per cent) and Narromine (24.2 per cent).
- Fairfield has the most persons receiving a Carer Payment with 7,664 followed by Bankstown (4,889) and Liverpool (4,809).
- The regions which had the most businesses pertaining to Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing were Tamworth Regional (1,421) followed by Griffith (1,029) and Clarence Valley (1,017).

Queensland

- In Queensland in 2013, the residents of Cherbourg and Yarrabah were the youngest – with a median age of 22.5 years - while those of Hinchinbrook were the oldest (median age of 46.9 years).
- Gold Coast and Brisbane recorded the highest number of business related bankruptcies with 459 and 302 respectively.
- 58.9 per cent of the Cassowary Coast was classified as Protected Land Area, followed by Cairns and Lockhart River with 57.2 per cent and 50.3 per cent respectively.

South Australia

- Cleve has the highest total fertility rate of 4.3, followed by Wudinna with 3.8 and Karoonda East Murray with 3.5.
- Prospect has the highest population density with 2,712.2 persons per square kilometre followed closely by Unley with 2,711.5. Holdfast Bay is third ranked with 2,673.2 persons per square kilometre.
- The highest proportion of people aged 45 to 54 years reside in Mallala with 17.0 per cent, followed by Grant with 16.6 per cent and Light with 16.5 per cent.

Western Australia

- For Western Australia, Mukinbudin leads the state and the country with a total fertility rate of 7.7; the next highest nationally was another WA region, Tammin, with a rate of 6.0.
- Swan has the highest value of total building approvals nearing a billion dollars at $967.3 m, with the next highest being Wanneroo with $925.6 m.
- Nannup has the highest median age of usual residents at 51.1 years, while Upper Gascoyne has the lowest at 26.6 years.

Tasmania

- For Tasmania in 2013, Flinders recorded the highest total fertility rate of 4.1, followed by Tasman and Central Highlands with 2.7 and 2.6 respectively.
- Residents of Brighton were the youngest – with a median age of 34.3 years – followed by Launceston with 38.1 years and Hobart with 38.5 years.
- Flinders also had the highest number of registered light commercial vehicles with 440 per 1,000 population, followed by King Island and Dorset with 379 and 283 (per 1,000 population) respectively.

Northern Territory

- Katherine recorded the highest total fertility rate in the Northern Territory in 2013 with 2.8, followed by Victoria-Daly and Central Desert with 2.7 and 2.6 respectively.
- Darwin, Alice Springs and Palmerston recorded the highest number of bankruptcies (business related and personal) with 39, 22 and 14 respectively.
- 71.8 per cent of West Arnhem was classified as Protected Land Area. Also prominent in this regard were Central Desert and Alice Springs at 47.3 per cent and 28.7 per cent respectively.

Australian Capital Territory

- Kambah has the highest number of campervans per thousand population with 31, easily ahead of the next two regions of Narrabundah (13) and Kaleen (12),
- Casey has the highest value of new residential building with $131.6 million, followed by Bonner ($121.0 m) and Crace ($112.0 m).
- Forde has the highest proportion of people in the 0 to 14 years age range at 30.2 per cent, followed by Bonner and Harrison - both on 28.5 per cent.

Find the data you want for your region of interest by clicking https://www.abs.gov.au/databyregion

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